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NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Ruth Nicastro, missioner for communications and editor of the newspaper in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, received the first Polly Bond Award for outstanding contribution to church communications on May 14 during the annual meeting of the Episcopal Communicators in Opryland Hotel here.

Nicastro won the award for a special supplement to the diocese's paper, The Episcopal Times, last August. The supplement, "The Homeless Millions," dealt with the tragic refugee situation in the world and the Church's role in providing hope and relief.

The Polly Bond Award was established two years ago to honor the work of the late Polly Bond who was one of the founders of the Episcopal Communicators. For 21 years she was director of communication in the Diocese of Ohio.

Another highlight of the meeting was the recognition of John C. Goodbody, executive for communication at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, as he retires in June from the post he has held since 1971. Prior to that, he was president of the Seabury Press for 10 years.

Janette Pierce, news editor of The Episcopalian, the national church periodical, was elected convenor of the Communicators. Christopher Walters-Bugbee of North Carolina and the Rev. Leonard Freeman of Pennsylvania were reelected to the Communicators' board and Lucille Germany of Texas was elected to her first term.

The Episcopal Communicators held their annual meeting in Nashville during the decennial Religious Communications Congress/1980, which attracted 1,295 registrants from 43 states and 18 countries.

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Nashville was the scene for a special segment to the diocese's paper, Episcopal Times, last August. The segment, "The Episcopal Ministry: A Study with the tragic refugee situation in the world and the Church's role in providing help and relief. The Polly Bond Award was established two years ago to honor the work of the late Polly Bond who was one of the founders of the Episcopal Communicators. For 21 years she was director of communications in the Diocese of Ohio.

Another highlight of the meeting was the recognition of John C. Goodbody, executive for communication at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City, as the winner in June from the post he has held since 1971. Prior to that, he was president of the Sunday Press for 10 years.

Janeite Pierce, news editor of The Episcopalian, the national church periodical, was elected coeditor of the Communicators. Christopher Webster-Jones of North Carolina and the Rev. Leonard Freeman of Pennsylvania were re-elected to the Communicators Board and Lucille Hartney of Texas was elected to her first year.

The Episcopal Communicators held their annual meeting at Nashville during the General Religious Communications Congress/1988, which attracted 1,200 registrants from 43 states and 18 countries.

Several Episcopal Communicators were honored by their communication organizations during the week-long meetings in Nashville.

The Communicant, monthly newspaper of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, took a general excellence award and three merit awards for graphics and photography at the annual Associated Church Press convention. Walters-Bugbee of Raleigh, N.C., is the editor.

The citation accompanying the general excellence newspaper award for The Communicant praised its highly imaginative use of graphics, tightly written and edited news stories, and overall reader appeal.

The best photography award for a newspaper was for The Communicant's article dealing with some young North Carolinians who went to Haiti to assist in an immunization program. "The eight photographs taken by Nick White and M. Riddick do an excellent job of describing what went on," the citation said.

The Associated Church Press's best reader response award went to The Witness, issued monthly by the Episcopal Church Publishing Company, Ambler, Pa., for an article, "On Liberating the Clergywife." The citation said, "The letter and article by an anonymous clergywife and the letters it generated from readers of The Witness are an excellent example of a three-fold reader response: the initial letter, the outpouring of letters it prompted and the concluding article, summing up the overwhelming support the writer found."

The Religious Public Relations Council, at its annual meeting here during the Congress, gave a first place award to Nancy Montgomery, editor of The Cathedral Age, for her booklet on the Washington Cathedral. Salome Breck, editor of The Colorado Episcopalian, was honored with a runner up award in photography by the Council. Breck was elected to the Council's board and Barbara Benedict, associate editor of The Colorado Episcopalian, was elected to the board of the Associated Church Press.

Episcopal Communicators is open to all Episcopalians involved in church and church-related communication in all media. The group will hold its next meeting the last week in April, 1981, in Los Angeles.

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